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A.G. Kawamura, Secretary  
California Department of Food and Agriculture  
1220 N. Street 409  
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Dear Secretary Kawamura:

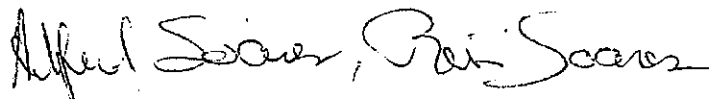
We are first generation dairy producers and have been in business for 25 years. In 2009, all that we had worked hard for and built up disappeared due to the below milk prices we received. Now it's just a matter of time before we are denied commodities to feed our animals due to credit limitations.

We need a floor price of \$14.50 per cwt at very least to find some stability in even trying to pay for the cost of operating.

We are petitioning CDFA to hold an emergency hearing to floor all milk prices at \$14.50 per hundredweight.

CDFA has hearings for the slightest of issues when requested by the processor, especially when those requests are to raise the Make Allowance, there seems to be no delays. I think CDFA not only needs to step up to the plate, but actually for once, go to bat for the dairy producer.

Sincerely,



Alfred & Reis Soares